

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**October 14, 2024**

<b>10720 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ 85748</b> <b>Conference Room</b>
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- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call:**
  - Present:** Board Members:
    - Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr.
    - Mrs. Kirsten Stephens
    - Mr. James Persellin
    - Dr. George Sokol
    - Mrs. Marolyn Pierson
  - Others:
    - Mrs. Wendi Allardice
    - Ms. Jenna Allardice
    - Mrs. Paige Lincoln
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. led.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meetings held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** No oral or written petitions presented.
- VII. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:** Open Meeting Law Compliance – Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. led a discussion on open meeting law, specifically identifying the difference between items for discussion and information being shared. The importance of complying to Open Meeting Law, and how to better comply in the future. About 40 minutes.
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a) **SY24 Annual Financial Report (AFR)** – Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to vote on the SY24 Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson moved and Mr. James Persellin

seconded. It is the recommendation of Administration to approve the SY24 AFR. The vote is as follows:

Yes: Mrs. Marolyn Pierson, Dr. George Sokol, Mrs. Kirsten Stephens, Mr. James Persellin, Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.

Motion carries unanimously.

- b) **Amendment to Add 2<sup>nd</sup> MS Address to the Charter** – Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to vote on the Amendment to Add the 2<sup>nd</sup> MS Address to the Charter. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Since the middle school was two separate addresses at the time of purchase, it is necessary to add the address 7302 E 22<sup>nd</sup> to the charter, even though it is not the main address used at the school. It is the recommendation of the administration to approve the addition. The vote is as follows:

Yes: Mrs. Marolyn Pierson, Dr. George Sokol, Mrs. Kirsten Stephens, Mr. James Persellin, Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.

Motion carries unanimously.

**IX. Administrative Reports:**

- a) **Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr:** Information on Open Meeting Law. About 35 minutes.
- b) **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** Information on the elementary school project and information on the high school project.
- c) **Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** AFR complete. Accounts Reconciled.
- d) **Additional Administrative Reports:** Ms. Jenna Allardice presented marketing updates. The district Instagram has received 4,000 views in the last 30 days and 270 new people have seen the account in the last 90 days. Our marketing will be focused on social media videos, school-to-school retention to build a district-wide community, paraphernalia, and ads in local papers. Niche ranks the district as 8<sup>th</sup> in the state of Arizona, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Tucson, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Arizona for best teachers. We plan to hone in on advertising these prestigious ranks. The fall open house is November 12<sup>th</sup>. About 35 minutes.

- X. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #3, Payroll Vouchers #5 and #6. Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the consent

agenda. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Board Remarks:** No remarks.

**XI. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM. The next meeting has been changed and will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30pm in the conference room. There will be no December meeting.

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**November 18, 2024**

**Date Board Approved**